

# North Dorm

Herrick Archives Number H 108

## A. IDENTIFICATION & LOCATION

### 1. Name

1.1 Building was never officially named by Board of Trustees.

1.2 Alternate names noted:

Boarding House

Big Dorm

Boarding House and DormitoryA

Boarding Hall

Hotel

College Boarding House

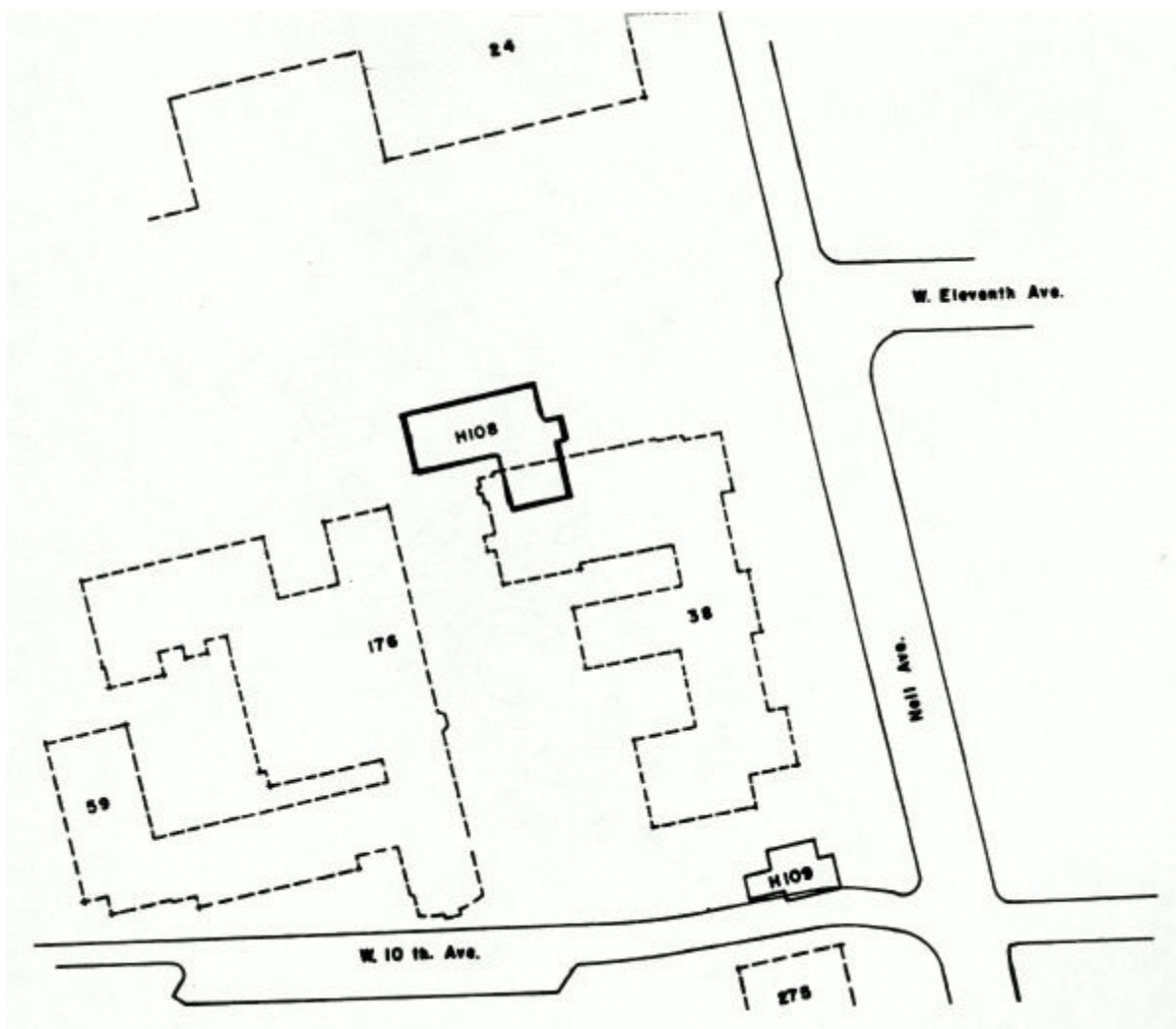
Dormitory for Boys

Club House

See Addendum No. 2

### 2. Location

2.1 Located at 1659 Neil Avenue (arbitrarily assigned for Indexing purposes). See map below-



For Identification of other buildings shown, see Appendix A.

### 3. General Description

#### 3.1 Type of construction:

Frame interior with brick walls (McC 1:8A)

#### 3.2 No. of stories:

Basement and three stories (McC 1:8A)

#### 3.3 Increments of construction:

No additions noted

#### 3.4 Size of buildings

3.4.1 12,040 sq.ft- (McC 1:8A)

3.4.2 161,280 cu.ft. (McC 1:8A)

3.4.3 Included 42 rooms (McC 1:8A)

3.4.4 Capacity for 65 students and living quarters for family operating the facility (McC 1:24).  
At page 8A in the same volume, McCracken states the capacity as 64 students.

### 3.5 Miscellaneous

Rooms were heated by coal stoves, lighted by kerosene lamps, and meagerly furnished. Water from a cistern was pumped to a tank in the tower, and it flowed by gravity to a bathroom on the first floor. There was a large privy at the rear of the building (McC 1:24).

## B. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION

1. The Board of Trustees on April 23, 1872 authorized the Executive Committee "to proceed to the erection of a boarding-house" in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by Architect Snyder. (J. Snyder of Akron, who also designed the original University Hall (088)).
2. The action of April 23, 1872 did not result in construction. At its next session on April 23, 1872, the subject was further discussed at length, and the Executive Committee was instructed to procure a new plan at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.
3. At its meeting on January 3, 1873 revised plans and specifications were approved, and the Executive Committee was directed to advertise for bids and report.
4. At its meeting on April 10, 1873 the Board of Trustees the Executive Committee was authorized to let contracts for construction.
5. No record of the letting of contracts or the names of contractors has been found.
6. According to President Orton, the building was fairly under way when school opened in September 1873 (R 1874:670).
7. Completed but not furnished by December 1874 (McC 1:24). Ready for occupancy January 7, 1874 (R 1874:663).

See Addendum No. 3

## C. COST

1. Listed by Business Office at \$27,548.17 (B).

## D. ABANDONMENT AND DEMOLITION

1. Board of Trustees on June 9, 1906 agreed to leave the building vacant for the coming year with a view to refitting and repair.
2. Board of Trustees on April 23, 1908 voted to secure bids on wrecking the building, and on May 15, 1908 awarded the demolition contract to A.D. Phelps and H. Lauer, the demolition to be completed on or before September 1, 1908.
3. McCracken (2:286) reports that the building was razed July 18, 1908.

## E. PHOTOGRAPHS

1. In Photoarchives:

X 1454

2. Other

McC 1:24

L September 25, 1958

Cope: 38

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November 3, 1978

### ADDENDUM NO. 1

Photographs X 13943 and X 2360 show two frame buildings west or northwest of Building H 108. One of these was a barn which the Board of Trustees on September 1, 1893 authorized to be moved to the rear of the Veterinary Hospital (H 119).

The identity of the other outbuilding is not known, but it probably was a privy. McCracken (1:24) notes that a large privy was built in the rear of H 108.

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December 5, 1978

### ADDENDUM NO. 2

The Board of Trustees minutes for May 5, 1898 refer to this building as the "main dormitory building."

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May 16, 1979

### ADDENDUM NO. 3

McCracken was apparently wrong in reporting that the building was completed by December, 1884; he probably meant 1873. President Orton in his annual report stated that the building was ready for occupancy by January 7, 1874. (R 1874: 670)

John H. Herrick  
October 24, 1986